First Congregational

United Church of Christ

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An open and affirming community committed to peace and justice

May 21, 2023
10:00 am

“ Spirit of Witness”
Seventh Sunday of Eastertide

No matter who you are or where you are on life’s journey, You are welcome here!

WORSHIP ON ZOOM -- Zoom opens at 9:45 am Sunday morning.

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7643282234

Meeting ID: 764 328 2234
Passcode: Ypsi1882
To join by phone, dial the number, 1-312-626-6799

- Welcome to Ypsilanti First Congregational UCC's Zoom Worship Service
- Hymns are included in the worship bulletin. A separate hymnal is not needed.
- If you are joining worship for the first-time on Zoom, please add your name and email to the chat so the Zoomie Greeter can introduce you.
- Thank you for choosing to worship with us today!

OPEN AND AFFIRMING COVENANT OF
First Congregational United Church of Christ, Ypsilanti

First Congregational United Church of Christ, Ypsilanti celebrates everyone, including people of all ages, races, cultures, sexual orientations, gender identifies and expressions, family configurations, economic circumstances, physical, cognitive or emotional abilities, education or spiritual or religious traditions. All are welcome to participate fully in the life, leadership, ministry, and missions of this church as we seek to grow together in a safe, nurturing community of faith. We strive to demonstrate in all ways that "NO MATTER WHO YOU ARE OR WHERE YOU ARE ON LIFE'S JOURNEY, YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!"

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

RINGING THE BELL — **MARTY KLEINO**

PRELUDE — ***Start Zoom Recoding to Cloud** — **JOSHUA CANTANIA**

"Here Comes the Sun"
By, George Harrison

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS — **IVAN HARNER**

- A warm welcome to all, including first-time visitors.
- As stated in our Open and Affirming Covenant (previous page), all persons are welcome in this community of faith.
- The Zoom Host and Greeter is **Donna Eyster** who will introduce folks participating in worship.
- Rev. Jeanette Sherrill is preaching today. Thank you, Jeanette.
- Please share your announcements so everyone can learn what is happening in our beloved ministry community.
- Please submit written announcements to Margaret Harner, Worship Coordinator, margaretsharner@gmail.com, by midnight on Tuesday.

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

GATHERING HYMN — *Microphone muted — **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"Come to the Water"
3 SING

CALL TO WORSHIP — *Responsive — **IVAN HARNER**

Leader: What are you doing here?

People: We are looking for Jesus.

Leader: What are you doing here?

People: We have questions to ask.

Leader: What are you doing here?

People: We seek hope; we seek healing.

Leader: What are you doing here?

People: We have heard God calling our names.

HYMN — *Microphone muted — **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"In the Midst of New Dimensions"
391 NCH; v.1-3,5

LISTENING FOR GOD

FIRST READING — **"Help us to See"** — **IVAN HARNER**

A contemporary reading based on Acts 1:10-11a *Why do you stand looking up towards heaven?*

SECOND READING **John 17:1-11** **REV. JEANETTE**

HYMN *Microphone muted **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"You Are the Salt"
528 NCH

MORNING MESSAGE **"The UCC: Our Story"** **REV. JEANETTE**

United Church of Christ Statement of Faith—adapted by Robert V. Moss

We believe in God, the Eternal Spirit, who is made known to us in Jesus our brother, and to whose deeds we testify:

God calls the worlds into being, creates humankind in the divine image, and sets before us the ways of life and death.

God seeks in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.

God judges all humanity and all nations by that will of righteousness declared through prophets and apostles.

In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Lord, God has come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the whole creation to its Creator.

God bestows upon us the Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.

God calls us into the church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be servants in the service of the whole human family, to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table, to join him in his passion and victory.

God promises to all who trust in the gospel forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, the presence of the Holy Spirit in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in that kingdom which has no end.

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto God. Amen.

CONVERSING WITH THE HOLY ONE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Pause Zoom recording

*Zoomies: Please turn on your microphone

You are invited to share your joys and petitions for prayer.
Please unmute your microphone to share a joy or make a prayer of petition.
At the end of each joy or petition, please say **"God in your mercy"**
We will respond (with microphones muted) **"Hear our prayers"**

PASTORAL PRAYER *Restart Zoom recording **REV. JEANETTE**

DISCIPLES' PRAYER *Unison with Microphone muted **REV. JEANETTE**

Your call is to proclaim a gospel we find difficult to practice, God.
We watch our clocks to make sure we spend more time with ourselves than with you.
We are hesitant to witness to your power from on high,
As we are uncertain of your presence in our lives.
Forgive us, God.
Fill us with the healing presence of your Spirit,
That we may proclaim your good news,
As we participate in the life and suffering of our world,
As did Jesus, our Christ. Amen.

Use this moment of silence to offer your own prayers.

OFFERING

INVITATION TO OFFERING **REV. JEANETTE**

God's gift in Jesus reminds us that what is entrusted to us is meant to be shared. May the joy we discover in God's word be passed on through our generous giving.

Our electronic giving platform is Tithe.ly: Link to Tithe.ly

Checks can be mailed to:
First Congregational United Church of Christ
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Thank you for your generosity!

OFFERTORY **"I Need Thee Every Hour"** **JOSHUA CANTANIA**
By, Annie Sherwood Hawks

DOXOLOGY *Microphone muted **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"Take My Gifts" v 2, 562 NCH

Take the fruits that I have gathered from the tree your Spirit sowed,
Harvest of your own compassion, juice that makes the wine of God,
Spiced with humor, laced with laughter, flavor of the Jesus life,
*Tang of risk and new adventure, taste and zest beyond belief***.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION *Unison with Microphone muted **IVAN HARNER**

Here, O God, is some of the abundance you have provided us to manage for you while we are on this earth. May it be enough to draw us closer to you and help meet the needs you set before us. Bless this offering and increase our joy in giving. Amen.

DEPARTING WITH PRAISE

CLOSING HYMN *Microphone muted **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"God of Change and Glory"
177 NCH

BENEDICTION *Microphone muted *Unison **REV. JEANETTE**

Leader: In the name of the Maker

People: We go.

Leader: In the name of Jesus

People: We go.

Leader: In the name of the Holy Spirit

People: We go.

Leader: We go in wonder

People: We go in Hope and Love. Amen

POSTLUDE **"For the Beauty of the Earth"** **JOSHUA CANTANIA**
By, Thomas Newman

PASSING THE PEACE **FRIENDS GATHERED**

*Save Zoom Recording to Cloud (click "yes")

Share a greeting with others as we transition to our casual Zoom Friendship Time.

Zoom Only Sunday Worship 10:00 am

Rev. Jeanette Sherrill, Preacher
Tiffanie Waldron, Music Director
Joshua Cantania, Accompanist
Jenn Zibbell, MID
Ivan Harner Worship Leader
Marty Kleino, Usher & Bell Ringer

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ATTRIBUTIONS FOR TODAY'S BULLETIN

- **Cover Art:** UCC Logo showing John 17:11
- **Call to Worship, Benediction,** Ruth Burgess in *Fire and Ice* ed. by Ruth Burgess.
- **First Reading:** "Help us to See" by Thom Shuman in *Fire and Ice* ed. by Ruth Burgess.
- **Disciples Prayer:** Thom Shuman in *Playing Hopscotch in Heaven.*
- **Offering Invitation, Prayer of Dedication:** Lavon Baylor, *Taught by Love* (adapted)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

For pastoral care needs and/or emergencies, please call or text Donna Eyster, 734-780-5857.

Worship Next Week: Beginning next week, May 21st, we will ALL be worshiping together on Zoom for the summer. Hybrid worship is scheduled to begin again September 17th.

Zoom Host/Greeter, Donna Eyster; Preaching, Rev.Jeanette Sherrill; Patty Sherwood, Worship Leader

Church Council meets Wednesday, May 24th, 7:00 on Zoom. All are welcome!

Looking ahead:

- **Pentecost – May 28th –** Rev.Jeanette Sherrill has created a Pentecost service. Thank you, Jeanette.
- **June 4th –** Rev.Dan Kidder-McQuown will be preaching. Thank you, Dan.

It takes a village…….

Strengthen the Church (STC) Offering reflects the shared commitment of people across the United Church of Christ to cooperatively build up the UCC. Conferences and the national setting equally share the gifts given by members and friends through their local congregations. The funds raised support leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and innovation in existing congregations.
By your generosity to this offering, you build up the Body of Christ.

As God calls our congregations to be the church in new ways, your generosity will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches and develop the spiritual life in our youth and young adults. Most congregations will receive the STC offering on Pentecost Sunday, May 28, 2023.

May is National Foster Care Month. In 1830, a large population of homeless children emerged in big cities in the Northeast, including New York City. Some children were orphaned because of parents dying of epidemics like typhoid and the flu, others were neglected due to poverty. At the time, three charitable institutions — The Children's Aid Society, Children's Village, and the New York Foundling Hospital, developed a program that allocated these homeless children into new homes.

The United States Children's Bureau is a federal agency organized under the United States -by President William Taft, today the bureau is charged with improving child abuse prevention, foster care, and adoption.

During the heighth of its influence, the Bureau was directed, managed, and staffed almost entirely by women — a rarity for any federal agency in the early 20th century. It was most influential in bringing the methods of reform-oriented social research and the ideas of maternalistic reformers to bear on federal government policy. In 1903 by two early social reformers, Lillian Wald and Florence Kelly positioned the new Bureau was to investigate and report "upon all matters pertaining to the welfare of children and child life among all classes of our people." Their dedication and efforts gained support from President Theodore Roosevelt, and other prominent supporters, becoming a law nine years after they launched the initiative. The law also called for the Bureau to be headed by a chief, who would be a presidential appointee, subject to Senate confirmation. The first chief of the Children's Bureau was Julia Lathrop — she was the first woman ever to head a government agency in the United States.

https://nationaltoday.com/national-foster-care-month/

Weekly Ypsi UCC Community Discernment Gatherings based on Susan Beaumont's book and bi-weekly Christian Contemplative Practices Sessions funded by our 2023 Vitality Grant have concluded. The results of our year-long process has resulted in the Mission-Vision-Value statements which will serve as our guide as we continue to discern God's plan for this faith community.

Ypsi UCC Mission Statement

Having received God's expansive and unconditional love, we act in ways to extend God's love and care locally and globally, striving for inclusion in all its forms.

Ypsi UCC Vision Statement

We aspire to be a community of faith that builds on the gift of God's expansive, unconditional love. We persistently strive, with many others, to find real life ways to creatively use God's powerful instrument of love. With God, we seek to shape a caring community where ALL people can live their best lives, comfortable in a sense of belonging, participation, safety, and abundance.

Ypsi UCC Values Statement

Inclusion. We seek to be a bold place to belong and a courageous spiritual home where all persons feel accepted. Our exuberant welcome is grounded in our UCC Open and Affirming Covenant celebrating everyone--including people of all ages, races, cultures, sexual orientations, gender identities, gender expressions, family configurations, economic circumstances, education, physical ability, cognitive ability, mental health, and spiritual or religious background. We embrace language inclusive of our understanding of God and of each other.

Equity. Committed to building equity in all systems, we take action by working for Justice, Peace, and Creation Care in our surrounding neighborhoods and the wider world. We are challenged to learn and grow spiritually**,** to be sent out to serve in a diverse variety of personal, vocational, and community social justice and leadership settings**,** according to our spiritual gifts and unique sense of God's call.

Caring. Guided by biblical Scripture and Jesus' vision of radical, counter-cultural love, we share kindness and compassion by responding with generosity and respect. We connect with others to build strong relationships based on mutual trust, authenticity, and integrity.

Resilience. Grounded in faith and hope in an abundant future, we persistently and organically rise to the challenges in front of us by cohesively pulling together in times of adversity and struggle.

Innovation. We embrace change with creativity and optimism trusting God to open new doors. We take informed risks to experiment with progressive novel ways to worship and serve that honor being in partnership with each other and with our wider community.

OUR MINISTRIES

HOLY GROUNDS AND TEA FOR THE SOUL

During the Omicron (COVID) surge members of Ypsi UCC provided local coffee, tea, coffee cups, and single packaged snacks for the night shift at Trinity Health St. Joe Mercy Hospital where Rev. Dan Kidder-McQuown is the night chaplain. While the COVID crisis has partially resolved, the stress level of the night staff has not. Contributing factors include the long-term emerging effects of COVID, a lack of staff, a nation-wide nurse shortage, and staff burnout. The night shift greatly appreciates this ministry of hospitality and caring.

Please consider donating coffee that is roasted by local Michigan companies. Tea and single packaged candy or snacks are also welcome. Please contact Marty Kleino at Mgkleino@gmail.com or 734-262-1419 to have your donation delivered to St. Joes. If you would like more information about this ministry, please contact Dan Kidder-McQuown at mcq188@gmail.com or 517-240-8413.

IMMIGRATION MINISTRY – WASHTENAW INTERFAITH COALITION FOR IMMIGRANT RIGHTS (WICIR)

Since 2008, **WICIR** has been working with, and in support of, immigrants in Washtenaw County facing challenges of many kinds. At our inception the primary need that brought us together was to support people facing enforcement action by ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement); most often detention, deportation, and removal. To date, WICIR has responded to 650 calls. Always in partnership with folks most affected, many actions and services have evolved as identified by our immigrant siblings, while always keeping focused on our original mission:

To provide culturally sensitive and supportive urgent response to those in Washtenaw County in immigration-related crises; impact local governmental policies to empower and protect immigrant community members; and work toward humane national immigration reform.

Our outreach has been significantly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Many in immigrant communities have experienced significant challenges as they struggle to pay rent, provide food for their families and other basic survival needs. To respond, WICIR, in partnership with Mexiquenses in Michigan (from St. Francis of Assisi Parish), has raised and distributed $200,000 relief funds to immigrants and their families. We have a waiting list of those still in need and will continue this effort as funds are available.

For information about what's happening with immigrant rights and **Washtenaw Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Rights**, or if you are interested in learning ways to help, please contact Melanie Harner at melharner@gmail.com or through the WICIR website: https://wicir.org/. You can also find a link on the church website.

WASHTENAW REGIONAL ORGANIZING COALITION

First Congregational is a founding institution of the local "organization of organizations" **WeROC (Washtenaw Regional Organizing Coalition)**. In many ways, WeROC is a larger illustration of the values and mission we try to live out at First Congregational. WeROC members are, at our core, focused on intentionally re-weaving the frayed fabric of community at a time when forces are at work every day to keep us fragmented, suspicious of each other, feeling isolated. Especially in this time when so many are being hit by the health and economic crises, WeROC's focus on raising voices of those most affected is more important than ever (See COVID-19 Resources at www.werocmi.org) WeROC's Mission Statement is:

WeROC brings together faith, labor, community organizations, and individuals to build the healthy collective power needed to break down the systems that sustain injustice, racism, and economic inequality.

WeROC is affiliated with the Detroit Metro organization MOSES and the Gamliel National Network. Contact Tad Wysor at tadwysor@gmail.com or 734-883-3225.

This past election year showed us good things can happen when we're working together in the same direction. WeROC is moving rapidly **forward** to keep momentum going and find ways to continue to be more effective together in making our communities healthier and more vibrant places; improving the lives of *everyone* in big ways-- especially those who are most vulnerable and whose voice have seldom been heard.

Come to the Waters

♩=144
E♭ Fm7 Gm Fm7 Gm Fm
Come, Je - sus is call-ing to you. "Reach out, take my hand. You'll not
♩=144
7
E♭ B♭ E♭ Fm7 Gm Fm7
fall. Come, come, I am wait-ing for you. O'er the
13
Gm Fm7 E♭ E♭
To verses Last time, Fine
wa - ters of life, hear my call." call."
To verses Last time, Fine

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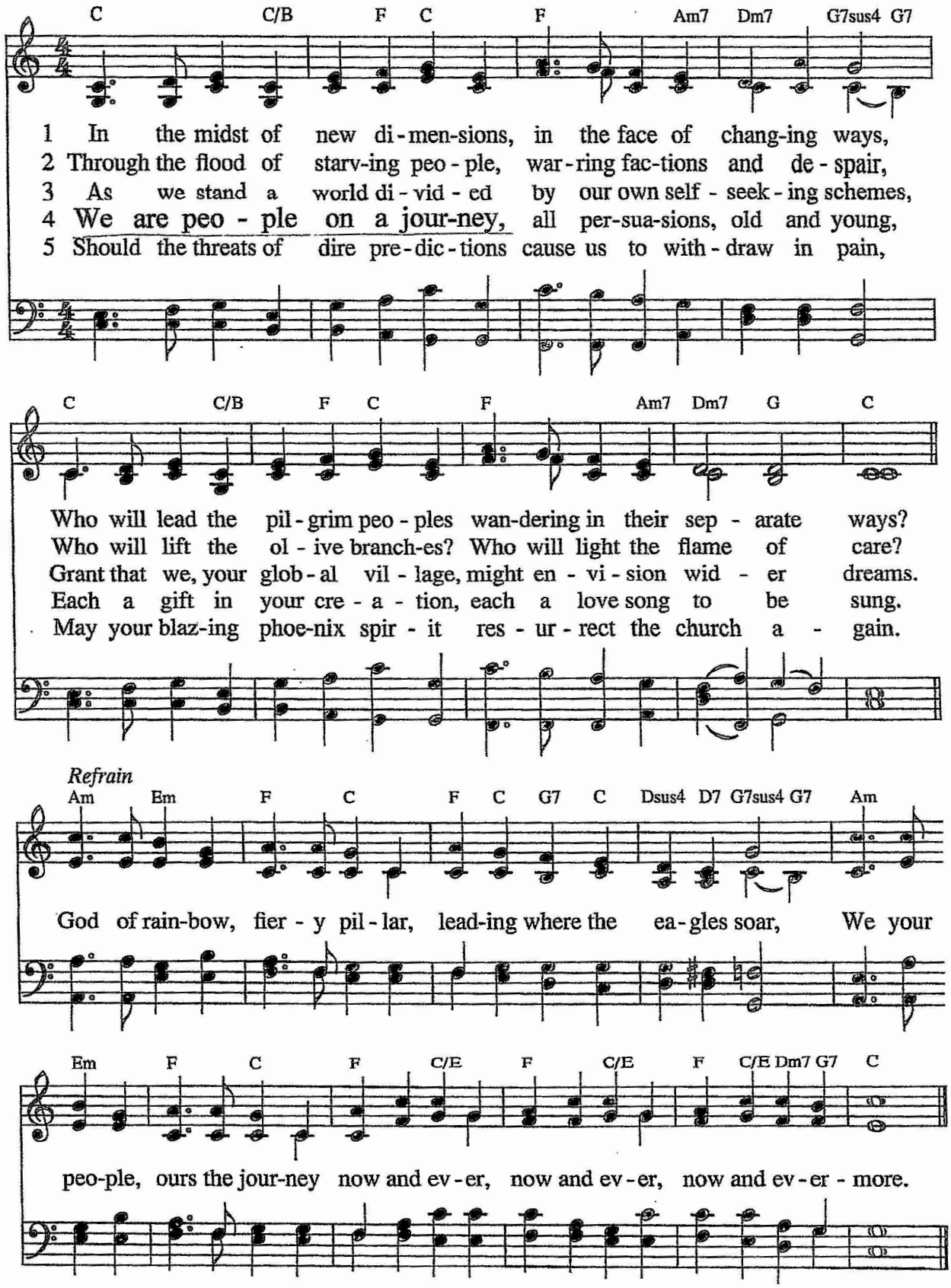
2 Verses

19
A♭
B♭9/D
E♭
C7
Fm
1. "Reach out in faith, cross the wa - ters to me. Your hand in
2. "Walk out in faith, take the risk if you can. I bring you
24
B♭7
E♭maj7
C7
Fm
B♭9
mine, that's the way it should be. Stretch out in faith, take my
peace, come a - long take my hand. Step out in faith, I will
29
E♭maj7
C7
Fm
B♭7
E♭
B♭7
D.C.
hand if you will. Wa - ters be calm! Wind be still."
car - ry you on. You may be weak; I am strong."
D.C.

In the Midst of New Dimensions · 391

Julian Rush, 1985; alt.

Gen. 9:12–16; Exod. 13:21–22; Num. 14:14


C C/B F C F Am7 Dm7 G7sus4 G7
1 In the midst of new di-men-sions, in the face of chang-ing ways,
2 Through the flood of starv-ing peo-ple, war-ring fac-tions and de-spair,
3 As we stand a world di-vid-ed by our own self-seek-ing schemes,
4 We are peo-ple on a jour-ney, all per-sua-sions, old and young,
5 Should the threats of dire pre-dic-tions cause us to with-draw in pain,
C C/B F C F Am7 Dm7 G C
Who will lead the pil-grim peo-ples wan-dering in their sep-arate ways?
Who will lift the ol-ive branch-es? Who will light the flame of care?
Grant that we, your glob-al vil-lage, might en-vi-sion wid-er dreams.
Each a gift in your cre-a-tion, each a love song to be sung.
May your blaz-ing phoe-nix spir-it res-ur-rect the church a-gain.
Refrain
Am Em F C F C G7 C Dsus4 D7 G7sus4 G7 Am
God of rain-bow, fier-y pil-lar, lead-ing where the ea-gles soar, We your
Em F C F C/E F C/E F C/E Dm7 G7 C
peo-ple, ours the jour-ney now and ev-er, now and ev-er, now and ev-er-more.

Julian Rush, an ordained minister in the United Methodist Church, has spent more than a decade as director of the Colorado AIDS Project. He wrote this hymn on the theme of "diversity" for a meeting of the Rocky Mountain Conference (United Methodist).

Tune: NEW DIMENSIONS 8.7.8.7. with refrain
Julian Rush, 1985
Arr. The New Century Hymnal, *1994*

528 Sois la Semilla
(You Are the Seed)

Matt. 13:24–30, 33, 36–43; 5:13–16; 28:18–20

Cesáreo Gabaraín, 1979; alt.
Transl. Raquel Gutiérrez-Achon and Skinner Chávez-Melo, 1987; alt.

Unison
D A7 Bm D
1 Sois la se - mi - lla que ha de cre - cer, sois es -
Sois la ma - ña - na que vuel - ve a na - cer sois es -
1 You are the seed that will grow a new sprout; you're a
You are the dawn that will bring a new day; you're the
G G6 A7 D A
tre - lla que ha de bri - llar. Sois le - va - du - ra, sois
pi - ga que em-pie - za a gra - nar. Sois a - gui-jón y ca -
star that will shine through the day; You are the yeast and a
wheat that will bear gold - en grain; You are a sting and a
Bm G D G6 A7 D
gra - no de sal, an - tor - cha que de - be a-lum - brar.
ri - cia a la vez, tes - ti - gos que voy a en - viar.
small grain of salt, a bea - con to glow in the night.
soft, gen - tle touch, my wit - ness - es wher - e'er you go.
Estribillo (Refrain)
A D G A7
Id, a - mi - gas, por el mun - do, a - nun-cian - do el a -
Sed, a - mi - gos, mis tes - ti - gos de mi re - su - rrec -
Go, my friends, go to the world, pro - claim - ing love to
Be, my friends, a loy - al wit - ness, from the dead I a -

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D
Em7
A7
Bm
mor, men - sa - je - ras de la vi - da,
ción. Id lle - van - do mi pre - sen - cia;
all, mes - sen - gers of my for - giv - ing peace,
rose; "Lo, I'll be with you for - ev - er,
1
G6
A7
de la paz y el per - dón.
e - ter - nal love.
2
G6
A7
D
con u - ste - des es - toy.
till the end of the world."

2 Sois u-na lla-ma
que ha de en-cen-der
res-plan-do-res de fe y ca-ri-dad.
Sois los pas-to-res que han de lle-var
al mun-do por sen-das de paz.
Sois los a-mi-gos que qui-se es-co-ger,
sois pa-la-bra que in-ten-to es-par-cir.
Sois rei-no nue-vo
que em-pie-za a en-gen-drar
jus-ti-cia, a-mor y ver-dad.
Estribillo

3 Sois fue-go y sa-bia
que vi-ne a tra-er,
sois la o-la que a-gi-ta la mar.
La le-va-du-ra pe-que-ña de a-yer
fer-men-ta la ma-sa del pan.
U-na ciu-dad no se pue-de es-con-der,
ni los mon-tes se han de o-cul-tar,
en es-tas o-bras que bus-can el bien,
el mun-do a Dios ha de ver.
Estribillo

2 You are the flame that will bright-en
the way,
send-ing spar-kles of hope, faith,
and love;
you are the shep-herds
to lead the whole world
through val-leys and pas-tures of peace.
You are the friends that I chose for my-self,
the word that I want to pro-claim.
You are the cit-y that's built on a rock
where jus-tice and truth al-ways reign.
Refrain

3 You are the life that will nur-ture the plant;
you're the waves in a tur-bu-lent sea;
yes-ter-day's yeast is be-gin-ning to rise,
a new loaf of bread it will yield.
There is no place for a cit-y to hide,
nor a moun-tain can cov-er its might;
may your good deeds
show a world in de-spair
a path that will lead all to God.
Refrain

This hymn by Spanish theologian Cesáreo Gabaraín first appeared in the collection Dios con nosotros, *published in Madrid. The tune, which can be translated in English as "Go and Teach," was arranged by Mexican organist and choral director Skinner Chávez-Melo.*

Tune: ID Y ENSEÑAD 10.9.10.8.D. with refrain
Cesáreo Gabaraín, 1979
Harm. Skinner Chávez-Melo, 1987

1/2

177 God of Change and Glory

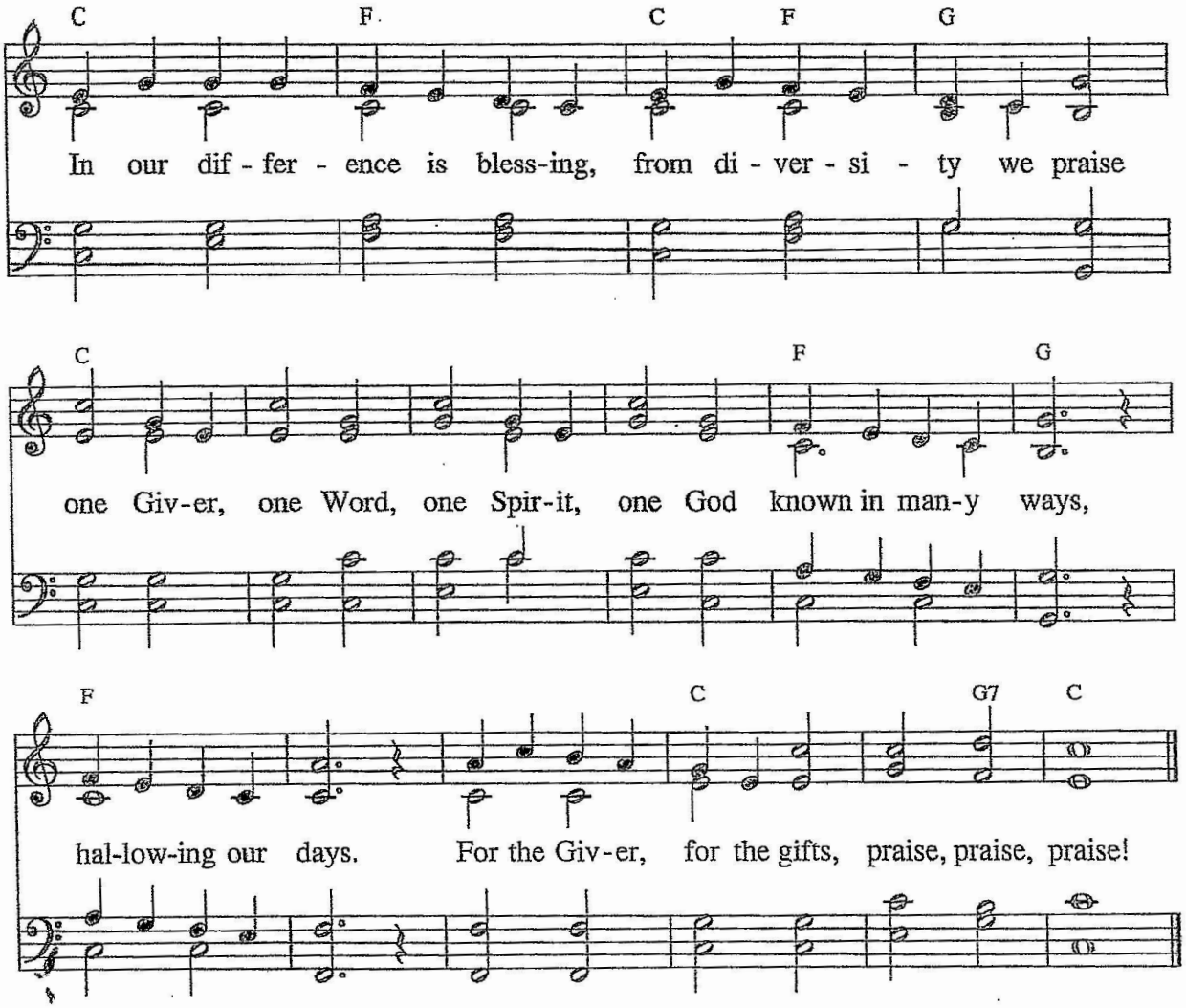
1 Cor. 12:4–27

Al Carmines, 1973

C G C F G C
1 God of change and glo - ry, God of time and space,
2 God of man - y col - ors, God of man - y signs,
3 Fresh-ness of the morn - ing, new - ness of each night,
E Am D7 G
when we fear the fu - ture, give to us your grace.
you have made us dif - ferent, bless - ing man - y kinds.
you are still cre - at - ing end - less love and light.
G7 C F C G7 C G C
In the midst of chang-ing ways give us still the grace to praise.
As the old ways dis - ap - pear, let your love cast out our fear.
This we see, as shad - ows part, man - y gifts from one great heart.
Refrain
C F G C F C
Man - y gifts, one Spir - it, one love known in man - y ways.

Al Carmines, composer, playwright, performer, and teacher, has served as minister for two United Church of Christ congregations in New York City. This hymn, commissioned in 1973, was one of the first modern texts to claim diversity as a gift from God.

Tune: KATHERINE 6.5.6.5.7.7.
Al Carmines, 1973


C F C F G
In our dif - fer - ence is bless-ing, from di - ver - si - ty we praise
C F G
one Giv-er, one Word, one Spir-it, one God known in man-y ways,
F C G7 C
hal-low-ing our days. For the Giv-er, for the gifts, praise, praise, praise!

177 God of Change and Glory

Alvin Allison Carmines Jr. (b. 1936) was commissioned to write this hymn in 1973 for the Assembly of the Women's Division, General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church. The text expresses the diversity and acceptability of all human gifts.

Al Carmines was ordained to the United Church of Christ ministry in 1960. He was pastor at Judson Memorial Church in New York's Greenwich Village for twenty years before moving to Rauschenbusch United Church of Christ, also in New York City.

Alvin Allison Carmines Jr. (b. 1936) wrote this tune to accompany his own words and named it KATHERINE after his mother. The hymn often appears in hymnals under its familiar title "Many Gifts, One Spirit."

Al Carmines has served as adjunct professor of musical theater at Columbia University. He is the recipient of five Obie Awards, the Drama Desk Award, and the Vernon Rice Award for his work in the theater, which includes musical plays, an opera, and a dance oratorio.